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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINS DISTURBANCES OF
LAST WEEK

1. AT TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS HELD AT FOREIGN MINISTRY ON
FEBRUARY 13 AND
TODAY (FEBRUARY 14), FOREIGN MINISTER
DE LA FLOR GAVE AMBASSADORS STATIONED IN LIMA ACCOUNT
OF LAST WEEK'S DISTURBANCES. HE DESCRIBED THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL STRIKE EARLY IN THE WEEK, THE
EVENTS THAT LED UP TO THE CONFRONTATION, AND THE RIOTING
AND DISTURBANCES WHICH OCCURRED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
5 IN THE ABSENCE OF NORMAL POLICE PROTECTION. DE LA
FLOR EMPHASIZED THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN GROUPS OF
ACTIVISTS QUOTE AND SOME ARMED CIVILIANS UNQUOTE WHO
HE SAID MOVED FROM ONE GUARDIA CIVIL CENTER TO ANOTHER
ENCOURAGING THE STRIKE AND A HARD LINE RESPONSE
TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ENGOTIATE. HE SAID THE
ARMY EVENTUALLY HAD TO RESORT TO FORCE WHEN SUCH ACTIVITTS
RESPONDED TO GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATORS WITH MACHINE GUN
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2. DE LA FLOR DESCRIBED AT LENGTH THE RUMORS SURROUNDING THE EVENTS AND ATTRIBUTED MOST OF THEM TO AN ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. HE PLACED THE VARIOUS REPORTS OF FROM 40 TO 400 GUARDIA CIVIL DEAD IN THIS CATEGORY STATING FLATLY THAT ONLY SEVEN GUARDIA CIVIL MEMBERS WERE INJURED (ONE CIRTCALLY) AND NONE RPT NONE KILLED. HE SAID THA TOTAL DEAD IN THE EFFORT TO STOP THE LOOTERS WAS 66. HE TOOK THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS TO TASK FOR "GROSS EXAGGERATIONS" AND INDICATED THAT SUCH SENSATIONAL TREATMENT OF EVENTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REFLECTS A CERTAIN ATTITUDE OF SUPERIORITY AND SUPERFICIALITY ON THE PART OF THE PRESS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TOWARD THE SMALLER NATIONS. HE ALSO SAW IN THIS REPORTING A COORDINATED EFFORT TO DENEGRATE THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION AND TO TAR PERU WITH THE BRUSH OF MILITARISM AND AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. HE SAID "WE ARE NOT AGGRESSIVE BUT ARE REVOLUTIONARIES. WE RESPECT THE IDEOLOGY AND SOVERIGN RIGHTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND WISH TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, BUT WANT THE SAME RESPECT FOR OUR IDEOLOGY AND REVOLUTION IN RETURN". DE LA FLOR SAID THAT PERU'S REVOLUTION WAS NATIONALISTIC, UNIQUE, PERUVIAN AND ORIENTED TOWARD THE PEOPLE AND ADDED THAT PERU WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND ITS REVOLUTION, WHILE WORKING FOR INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION (SUCH AS IN THE ANDEAN PACT) AND ON BEHALF OF GOOD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GENERALLY. HE ADDED THAT PERU DEISRES AND APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

3. DE LA FLOR SAID THAT THE OPPOSITION TO THE REVOLUTION WAS ACTIVE IN THE RIOTING AND RUMOR MONGERING AND HE SAW SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE FACT THAT THE CIVIC CENTER WAS DESTROYED JUST AT A TIME WHEN PERU WAS PLANNING TO HOST THE UNIDO MEETING AND A MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. HE ASSURED THE AMBASSADORS PRESENT THAT THE UNIDO MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON SCHEDULE, AND GUARANTEED APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND SECURITY FOR THE DELEGATIONS COMING TO THAT MEETING. DE LA FLOR FIELDDED A FEW QUESTIONS AND CLOSED THE MEETING SAYING THAT THE AMBASSADORS WOULD SOON RECEIVE A CIRCULAR

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FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPLAINING THE EVENTS IN WRITING AND PRESUMABLY DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF THE UNIDO MEETING.

4. COMMENT: I WAS UNABLE TO SPEAK PRIVATELY WITH DE LA FLOR AFTER THE MEETING BUT DID SPEAK WITH AMBASSADOR MARCHAND, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S POLITICAL DIVISION, WHO SAT AT DE LA FLOR'S SIDE DURING THE PRESENTATION. I

REITERATED TO HIM THE POINTS MADE IN MY DECLARATION OF
FEBRUARY 8 REFUTING THE FALSE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN THE
PERUVIAN PRESS AND REINFORCED BY PRESS SECRETARY OSCAR
FAURA'S STATEMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE US INVOLVEMENT IN
THOSE DISTURBANCES. MARCHAND ASSURED ME THAT THIS STATE-
MENT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE GOP AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
RPT NO OFFICIAL ALLEGATIONS OF THIS NATURE. I MADE SPECIAL
REFERENCE TO THE PRONOUNCEMENT PRESIDENT VEALSCO IS SCHEDULED
TO MAKE ON MONDAY AND MARCHAND ASSURED ME THAT THERE WOULD
BE NO REFERENCE TO ANY US AGENCY IN THAT SPEECH.
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